

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicants' claims that identifies language being added with underlining (" ") and language being deleted with strikethrough (""), as is applicable:

1-74. (Canceled)

75. (New) A system comprising:

a digital home communication terminal (DHCT) configured to receive media content from a remote location over a hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) network, the DHCT comprising:

a hard disk drive;

a memory having application software; and

a processor configured with the application software to provide a first graphics user interface (GUI) comprising download options for the reception of media content and a second GUI comprising plural media content choices for which the download options do and do not pertain, the processor further configured with the application software to request from the remote location a download of a first media content to the hard disk drive at a defined download rate using bandwidth reclaimed from excess video on demand bandwidth, the defined download rate independent of a playback rate of the media content, the first media content selected by a user from the second GUI.

76. (New) The system of claim 75, wherein the first GUI comprises a download option list, the download option list comprising selectable first option to download the first media content immediately and a selectable second option to download the first media content immediately with the duration according to a first duration.
77. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the download option list comprises a selectable third option to download the first media content immediately with the duration according to a second duration.
78. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the download option list comprises a selectable fourth option that defers commencement of the download of the first media content a defined amount of time.
79. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the download option list comprises a selectable fifth option that commences the download of the first media content immediately upon a lapse of a defined amount of time, the defined amount of time referenced from selection of the selectable fifth option by the user.
80. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the download option list comprises a selectable sixth option that comprises a first download duration.
81. (New) The system of claim 80, wherein the download option list comprises a selectable seventh option that comprises a second download duration different than the first download duration.

82. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the download option list comprises plural download options for a trial purchase of media content.

83. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the first GUI further comprises a price window having a monetary value that varies depending on which of the selectable first or second options of the download option list is selected.

84. (New) The system of claim 75, wherein the second GUI comprises an interactive program guide (IPG), the IPG comprising a grid having titles and corresponding scheduled presentation times, the titles corresponding to broadcast media content for which the download options do not pertain, the titles further corresponding to media content that are associated with the download options, the titles corresponding to the media content associated with the download options having an indicator in proximity to the title, the indicator suggesting to the user that the media content associated with the download options can be downloaded.

85. (New) The system of claim 75, wherein the second GUI comprises an interactive program guide (IPG) with access by the user to a service guide via a service guide option, the IPG further comprising a grid having channels and titles corresponding to the channels.

86. (New) The system of claim 85, wherein the processor is further configured with the application software to, responsive to the user selection of the service guide option, present a third GUI comprising the service guide, the service guide comprising a plurality of media content options with at least one of the media content options associated with the download options and at least one of the media content options not associated with the download options.

87. (New) The system of claim 86, wherein the at least one of the media content options associated with the download options includes an option to download at least one of pay per view media content, video on demand media content, music media content, software media content, and game media content.

88. (New) The system of claim 75, further comprising a secondary storage device coupled to the DHCT, wherein the processor is further configured with the application software to download media content stored on the hard disk drive to a medium residing in the secondary storage device.

89. (New) The system of claim 88, wherein the processor is further configured with the application software to provide a fourth GUI that enables the user to archive the media content received to the secondary storage device.

90. (New) The system of claim 89, wherein fourth GUI comprises preconfigured lists including a media content list, genre/descriptive list, and medium list, wherein a list entry block for at least one of the preconfigured lists is highlighted as a default entry based on metadata associated with the media content residing on the medium.

91. (New) The system of claim 89, wherein the fourth GUI comprises at least one of an option to enable a user to configure a characterization of the media content residing on the medium and an option to search for media content residing on the medium.

92. (New) A method, comprising:

providing a first graphics user interface (GUI) at a digital home communications terminal (DHCT), the first GUI comprising download options for the reception of media content;

providing a second GUI at the DHCT, the second GUI comprising plural media content choices for which the download options do and do not pertain; and

requesting a download of a first media content over a hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) network from a remote location to a hard disk drive coupled to the DHCT at a defined download rate using bandwidth reclaimed from excess video on demand bandwidth, the defined download rate independent of a playback rate of the media content, the first media content selected by a user from the second GUI.

93. (New) The method of claim 92, further comprising:

providing a plurality of download options and a price window in the second GUI, a monetary value in the price window differing depending on which of the plurality of download options are selected; and

providing an interactive program guide (IPG) in the second GUI, the IPG comprising a grid having titles and corresponding scheduled presentation times, the titles corresponding to broadcast media content for which the plurality of download options do not pertain, the titles further corresponding to media content that are associated with the plurality of download options, the titles corresponding to the media content associated with the plurality of download options having an indicator in proximity to the title, the indicator suggesting to the user that the media content associated with the plurality of download options can be downloaded.

94. (New) A system, comprising:

a storage device comprising one of a digital video disk (DVD) or compact disk (CD);

a tuner configured to receive broadcast or on-demand media content;

a memory with application software; and

a processor configured with application software to provide a graphics user interface (GUI) that enables a user to archive broadcast or on-demand media content downloaded to one of the DVD or CD, the broadcast or on-demand media content archived based on metadata associated with the broadcast or on-demand media content, the GUI further configured to enable the user to search for media content stored on the DVD or CD.